



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 4331**
Koji YANAI et al. : Docket No. 2001_1611
Serial No. 09/990,385 : Group Art Unit 1652
Filed November 23, 2001 : Examiner R. G. Hutson

β -FRUCTOFURANOSIDASE AND ITS GENE, METHOD
OF ISOLATING β -FRUCTOFURANOSIDASE GENE,
SYSTEM FOR PRODUCING β -FRUCTOFURANOSIDASE,
AND β -FRUCTOFURANOSIDASE VARIANT

RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1652

AMENDMENT AND REPLY AFTER FINAL REJECTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated January 30, 2004, the period for response having been extended for one month by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.